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Koethen Airfield

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EVALUATION

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1. At 11:30 a.m. on 29 January 1954, 9 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s taxied to the take-off point at the western end of the field at Koethen airfield. At 1 p.m., swept-back jet fighters took off for a formation flight. At 1:45 p.m., 8 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off in elements of two and subsequently practiced flying in two formations of four.

2. Between 1 and 12 February, the following observations were made at the field:

1 to 3 February. Air activity was observed daily. On two days night flying was conducted. There was heavy frost.

4 February. Between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., there was no flying. The weather was clear and there was frost. Eight MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars while three other MiGs, including one with disassembled tail unit, were parked apart.

5 February. About 1:10 p.m., a swept-back jet fighter landed after having dropped a sleeve target.

As usual, 2 radio trucks, a red command car, a sedan, a truck, a primerover, and 2 tank trucks were parked at the take-off point.

9 February. Between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., there was no flying. The weather was hazy. The AA gun emplacements were occupied by guns which were covered with tarpaulins.

12 February. There was no flying about noon. The weather was dull. The runway was being cleared of snow by two trucks.

Comment. The present report does not indicate any change in the occupation of Koethen airfield. Most of the aircraft were probably parked in the three hangars.

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